WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus comprising:

first display control means for controlling the display of a thumbnail;

determination means for determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with said thumbnail selected; and

second display control means for controlling, if said predetermined time is found passed with said thumbnail selected, the display of information associated with said thumbnail at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said thumbnail.

- 2. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second display control means controls the display so that said information associated with said thumbnail is displayed in a semitransparent frame or on a semitransparent background.
- 3. The information processing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the display of a thumbnail;

determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with said thumbnail selected; and

controlling, if said predetermined time is found passed with said thumbnail selected, the display of

information associated with said thumbnail at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said thumbnail.

4. A program storage medium for storing a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling the display of a thumbnail;

determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with said thumbnail selected; and

controlling, if said predetermined time is found passed with said thumbnail selected, the display of information associated with said thumbnail at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said thumbnail.

5. A computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling the display of a thumbnail;

determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with said thumbnail selected; and

controlling, if said predetermined time is found passed with said thumbnail selected, the display of information associated with said thumbnail at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said thumbnail.